

## BIG AUDIENCE HEARS MRS. LAKE

She Tells Marion How Man May Become King.

### KING OF HIMSELF FIRST

Man Must Retain Qualities Which He is Losing.

There is a Large Need For More Cranks—Too Many Men Try to Ape the Ways of Others—Are Afraid of Being Called Sissies, Become Rowdies.

An audience of between 1,200 and 1,400 people taxed the ordinary seating capacity of the Epworth Methodist church to its utmost limit Thursday evening, when Mrs. Leonora Lake delivered her famous lecture, "When Man Is King." The main auditorium, the galleries and the Sunday school room of the church were comfortably filled by the time the first number of the orchestral prelude was rendered at 7:15 o'clock.

The concert, consisting of four orchestral numbers and a solo by Mrs. B. L. Wallace, elicited great applause and enjoyment. The Sunday school orchestra, led by H. S. Martin and accompanied by Miss Mattie Meredith, played with excellent rendition, some of the most difficult instrumental selections known to the musical world. The "Stradella" overture, by Flotow, was perhaps the best liked. "Down the Shadowed Lane She Goes" was very sweetly sung by Mrs. Wallace, with an orchestral accompaniment. "My Rosary" was sung by her in response to an encore.

Rev. Joseph Denning, of the St. Mary's Catholic church, was chosen to introduce the speaker of the evening. In speaking of Mrs. Lake, he said: "She is one who comes not merely for the purpose of entertaining you, but who comes to you with a message that spells Christian morality and uplift. A woman who has gathered laurels in every land of Christian endeavor."

"Mother" Lake, as she is affectionately termed, responded to the introduction with a few graceful words of thanks and appreciation of the kind introduction, and expressed herself as being highly delighted in being able to again address the audience which greeted her last summer at the Marion chautauqua. She complimented the orchestra very highly on its excellent music and commended the intellectual life of Marion, of which the magnificent audience was indicative.

#### Man Has King Qualities.

"My theme tonight may seem a strange one to you," the speaker began. "For, in our democratic government, we think of a king as one who sits before a royal throne, as one who attains his power by the divine right of kings, or who wades in blood in order that he may wrest from another that which is rightfully his. That is not the king of whom I speak. Not the type of man I wish to bring to you. Before speaking of what will occur when man is king, let us analyze man. I hold that man has king qualities of character. First, because of his origin. He was created by God. Second, because God so loved him that He sent His only Son into the world to assume man's guilt and pay the price of man's redemption in a kingly manner. How could man be other than kingly? The creature must be like the Creator. "The most beautiful picture that I can think of presenting to you tonight, is the origin of man. If we could only make the human mind see the beauty of the beginning what could we not accomplish? I see a great, dense darkness, and out of that darkness that seems to envelope me, I hear a voice, still and sweet which says, 'Let there be light.' And the darkness is dispelled, the clouds roll away and the great blue dome above me is studded with diamonds. Then the water disappears, and things begin to creep and crawl. Then, the wondrous majesty of God pauses, pauses before the task of creating a being worthy to rule over all. And then, as the very highest type of even God's power, man is created. From a kingly power, a kingly creator, must necessarily come a kingly creature, a kingly man. Then God knew what a loathsome, lonely creature man would be, unable to cope with life's problems if he must face them alone. So, not from his head that she might look down upon him, not from his foot that she might crush him, but from under his arm that he might protect her, God made woman, the last and best of His handiwork.

#### God Teaches Mental Strength.

"But, they say 'woman sinned.' Well, maybe she did. Maybe Eve did eat that apple, but I'll always believe that Adam tempted her. But, if woman sinned, to her was given the power to atone. And as she was given by God power and grace and beauty, so man was given mind, the master of all, soul, that shall live forever, power, skill and inventive genius. "In acceptance of our understanding of what makes a man king, we will say that man is able. Not that man is able as was the wild man, who ruled by brute force and muscular strength of animalism. With Christianity came mental strength. God came to teach man how to live, to cultivate and assert not only physical strength but mental strength.

"Today, we find that man is losing many of these kingly qualities. No man can claim kingship who allows himself to be dominated by any passion, or habit which enslaves his better nature. How many men in my audience tonight can stand up and say: 'I am a king, for no passion, no habit, no evil has ever conquered me.' There are men who can say that, but they have passed through martyrdom

to be able to do it.

**Man Slave to Little Things.**  
"Let us take just a few of the little things to which man can become a slave. For an example, temper. Now don't think I want a man to be a 'mollycoddle,' a 'sissy,' who never gets angry. No, I admire a man who can grow righteously angry under just provocation, but he must know how to control that anger. You meet a big six-footer, broad of shoulder and strong, but at the least little provocation he loses his temper and flies into a towering rage at everybody. He is a slave to bad temper. It controls him. Isn't that a sad picture? That the man who was created in a kingly image by a king, is not able to control the viciousness of a bad temper. He is a slave to self. Self is an enemy we have to watch. Alexander was a world-conqueror, but he was the veriest slave that ever lived to his own passions. Let us take the habit of swearing. In the first place, swearing is vicious, because the man takes the name of his Heavenly Father in a blasphemous way. Then he sets a bad example to children. I never hear a child swear upon the street, but I know that somewhere he has heard an adult using profane language.

#### The Man Who Drinks.

"Then, there is the man who drinks. At first he is not a criminal, not a drunkard. But he soon becomes a slave to the appetite and it conquers him. Card-playing comes in the same line. Winning money and prizes, betting on horse races. It soon becomes a disease with a man. He is indifferent to everything else but the greed for money.

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**Opposite to Sissy is Rowdy.**  
"What shall we do to retain these kingly qualities? The first thing will be to teach our boys the necessity of self-control, of sacrifice. To be thoughtful and courteous to realize that within them is God, and that they can either develop it or drive it out. He must be taught to be original. Today there is too much aping

of the other fellow. There are too few 'cranks.' Too many that are not distinguished from the common herd that goes floating aimlessly down the tide of life. I thank God for 'cranks.' Every young man ought to be such a 'crank' as to be conscious of the higher power within him, able to meet the tempter, to grapple with and overcome him and go on his way. They'll say to you, if you don't smoke, you're a weakling. If you don't drink, you're a weakling. I say you're a weakling if you do these things. They call the young man who simply pays attention to his Christian duties, a 'sissy.' The opposite to that to my mind, is a 'rowdy.' Which would you rather be, young man? Where will you find the best society? In the church, with its literary and musical societies, or in the bar-room? "So many young chaps think the world owes them a living. The world does not. Every one should thank God daily for allowing them to live and be a part of this great universe, and make a living for themselves.

**Will Be No Drunkards.**  
"Service and sacrifice—that's what I believe makes the kingly man. And in no other land are the possibilities greater than in our own country. I believe that the day will come when there will be no warring factions, when men will be judged by the heart that is in them, by their kingly qualities. The day will come when the moral worth of the man will be the measure by which we will judge him rather than by the length of his bank account.

"When man is king, there will be no drunkards, for then no man will be so little as to betray his brother by selling that which steals his manhood. When man is king, there will

be no blackened hearthstones, on which hope and love is but a heap of ashes. Then, there will be no deserted wives, no divorce courts. For man will be so kingly and woman so queenly that if they do make a mistake, they will bear its burden uncomplainingly, or else will separate quietly and live alone. When man is king, there will be no juvenile court, no probation officer, for every man who assumes the duties of fatherhood will be so qualified that no child will be forced to find a home on the street or to commit crime. When a man is king, we will have patriotism. Patriotism that will put in office statesmen and not politicians. Then the office will seek the man because of his worth and not the man the office because of the money he gets out of it. When man is king, not a woman in all this earth will be forced to trail her garments in the miry shame. For then, every man will so love and respect the woman who bore him, that he will protect the honor of every other woman."

Mrs. Lake ended her lecture by giving a few methods of training the youth of our country for their kingship. "See to it that you raise the standard high," she said. "Some day then the king himself will dwell on earth, for man will have come into his kingship."

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